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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 806

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Clyde and Odessa Mullican on the celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as examples for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 1930, Clyde Mullican and Odessa Jones were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Mullican have been highly respected citizens of White County for many years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, and have always endeavored to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, Clyde Mullican earned a living as a farmer until his retirement in 1960, growing various crops, including tobacco; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mullican has served with acumen as a distinguished member of the Farm Bureau since 1940, in which position he earned the respect of his peers for the superior quality of his work. He served with probity as the president of the White County Farm Bureau

for 14 years and on the Bureau's state board, in addition to rendering impeccable service on the board of directors for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Clyde Mullican is also an active member of the White County Fair Board and has the distinction of having attended the first White County Fair; he has attended nearly every White County Fair since its beginning; and

WHEREAS, Odessa Mullican personifies the cliché, "behind every good man is a great woman" and has done a superb job of providing a warm, loving, and secure home, with her husband, for their children; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced two children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Mullicans' children are William Austin Mullican, who married Doris Dimple Huston, and Joanna Mullican, who married Donald Edward Bailey, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, the Mullicans are also the proud grandparents of Sharon Geniece, William Wayne, Doris Regina, Sara Annette, and Donald E. Bailey, III; and

WHEREAS, Clyde and Odessa Mullican will also celebrate their anniversary with their loving great-grandchildren, Tracy, Terry, Tim, Sherree, Geniece, Matthew, Marcus, and William, in addition to their devoted great-great-grandchildren, William and Denton; and

WHEREAS, for 70 years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Mullicans' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby pause to honor and congratulate Clyde and Odessa Mullican on the celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.